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Amazon Sets Off Alarm Bells With 'Dangerous' $3.9 Billion Bid to Buy Healthcare Chain

The tech giant's latest proposed acquisition in the healthcare industry gives Amazon too much power in the healthcare sector and raises a host of concerns around privacy and the future of Medicare, critics say.

By **Michael Nevradakis, Ph.D.**

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In a move described by some political figures and privacy advocates as "dangerous," Amazon said it agreed to a $3.9 billion all-cash deal to buy One Medical, a San Francisco-based primary healthcare provider.

If completed, the deal will give Amazon access to One Medical's 188 primary care practices and its 767,000 members, who pay approximately $200 in concierge fees annually to access the provider's services, CNBC reported.

Amazon also will acquire One Medical's subscription telehealth service, in-house electronic health-record system and established contracts with employers who hire One Medical to provide healthcare services to their employees.

The One Medical transaction represents Amazon's third-largest acquisition, following Whole Foods ($13.7 billion) and MGM Studios ($8.5 billion).

One Medical reported a net loss of $90.9 million for the quarter ending March 31, according to its most recent filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Amazon and One Medical said the deal reflects their shared objective to "reinvent" healthcare.

Neil Lindsay, Amazon's senior vice president of health services, told The Washington Post — owned by Amazon founder and executive chairman Jeff Bezos — that "we think healthcare is high on the list of experiences that need reinvention."

Lindsay added:

> "We love inventing to make what should be easy easier and we want to be one of the companies that helps dramatically improve the healthcare experience over the next several years."

One Medical CEO Amir Dan Rubin — who will continue to run the company after the purchase is finalized — described the deal as presenting "an immense opportunity to make the healthcare experience more accessible, affordable, and even enjoyable."

The One Medical deal is Amazon's latest in a string of acquisitions and partnerships focused on the tech giant's rapidly expanding healthcare division.

It also signals Amazon's ongoing attraction to the healthcare sector, which accounts for approximately one-fifth ($3.8 trillion) of all spending in the U.S.

Not everyone sees the deal as a positive "opportunity" for healthcare consumers — including some members of Congress and advocacy groups who cited antitrust considerations, others who raised privacy concerns and suggested the deal could undermine Medicare.

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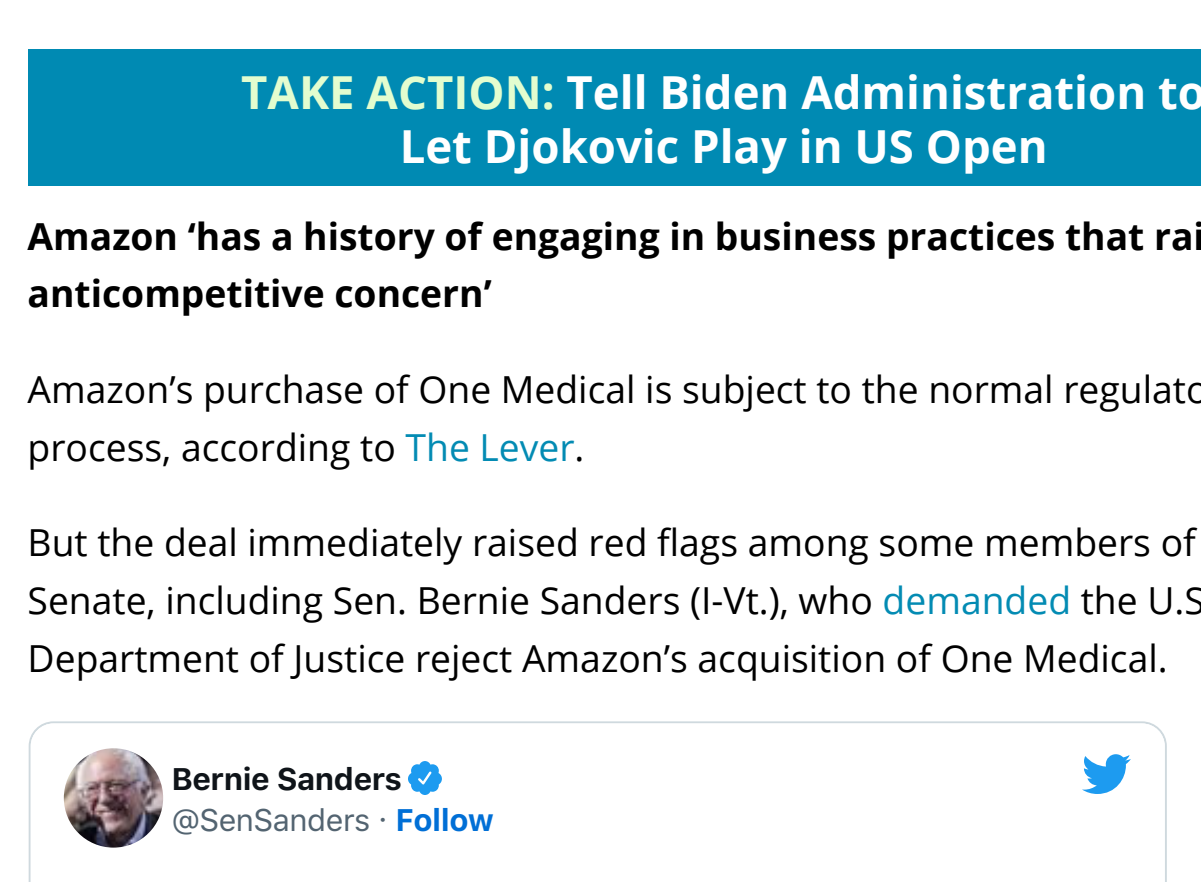
Amazon 'has a history of engaging in business practices that raise serious anticompetitive concern'

Amazon's purchase of One Medical is subject to the normal regulatory approval process, according to The Lever.

But the deal immediately raised red flags among some members of the U.S. Senate, including Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who demanded the U.S. Department of Justice reject Amazon's acquisition of One Medical.



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The function of a rational health care system is to provide quality care to all in a cost-effective way, not make billionaires like Jeff Bezos even richer. At a time of growing concentration of ownership, the Justice Department must deny Amazon's acquisition of One Medical.

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Amazon said it had reached a $3.9 billion deal to acquire One Medical, a network of primary care clinics. The move is a big step in its plans to become a major player in health care. nyti.ms/3lSWti5

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Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee's antitrust subcommittee, formally requested the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) investigate the deal.

Klobuchar said the acquisition "raises questions about potential anticompetitive effects related to the pharmacy services business Amazon already owns and about preferencing vendors who offer other services through Amazon."

In a letter to the FTC, Klobuchar wrote:

> "Amazon has a history of engaging in business practices that raise serious anticompetitive concerns, including forcing small businesses on its site to buy its logistics services as a condition of preferred platform placement, using small businesses' non-public data to compete against them, and, as was recently disclosed in new documents from the House Judiciary Committee's Big Tech investigation, potentially restricting advertising by competitors who could offer lower prices and better service.
>
> "In addition, Amazon has been accused of misrepresenting facts when testifying under oath to Congress, a matter which has been referred to the Department of Justice for further investigation."

Legislation is pending before Congress that would strengthen antitrust regulations, but it appears to be stalling, according to Eleanor M. Fox, professor of trade regulation at the New York University School of Law.

Fox told The Defender:

> "There's a lot of legislation pending recognizing this conservative nature of our law, trying to expand it and to make it more elastic and to cover more acts, [such as] the Klobuchar-Grassley bill [proposed October 2021] against a small group of big platforms for preferencing themselves over all of their rivals on their platforms."

Unsurprisingly, Fox said, "Big Tech firms are spending billions of dollars to try to prevent the legislation from being passed."

According to OpenSecrets, Amazon is the eighth-highest spender on lobbying in the U.S. this year, and has hired a high-powered lobbying firm run by the brother of Steve Ricchetti, counselor to President Biden.

Amazon also reportedly joined a "lobbying coalition" with the aim of encouraging "legislative change regarding home health" — a move that may already be paying dividends for the company.

'Terrifying' that Amazon could control healthcare data for another 700,000 people

Barry Lynn, executive director of the Open Markets Institute (OMI), voiced harsh criticism for Amazon's proposed deal.

"U.S. enforcement agencies should block this deal," Lynn said, and "should move swiftly to establish a basic set of rules to protect every corner of America's health industry from the power of the manipulation platforms."

OMI warned:

> "Every medical professional and medical business in the United States should also play close attention to this deal. Every time Amazon and Google expand their control over the delivery of healthcare to Americans, they also expand their power over doctors, nurses, and rival practitioners."

Krista Brown, senior policy analyst at the American Economic Liberties Project, voiced similarly scathing criticism, telling The Lever:

> "Allowing Amazon to control the healthcare data for another 700,000+ individuals is terrifying. Acquiring One Medical will entrench Amazon's growing presence in the healthcare industry."

Brown also said:

> "Amazon has no business being a major player in the health care space, and regulators should block this $4 billion deal to ensure it does not become one.
>
> "[The One Medical acquisition] won't make Amazon the largest player in healthcare, but will further dissolve integrity that is already on shaky territory with the health care system."

Amazon will be able to collect 'most intimate and personal' information

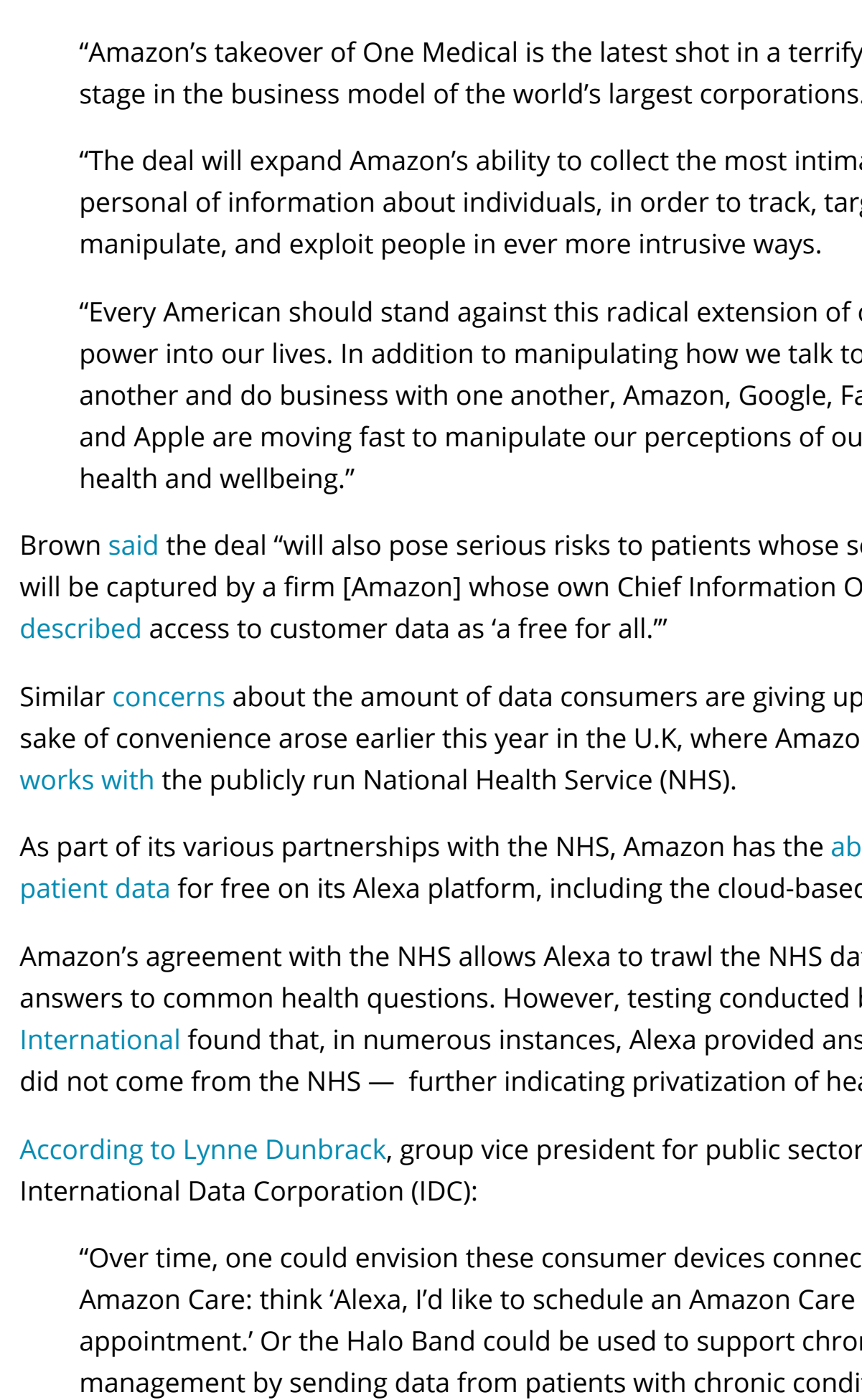
Some described Amazon's healthcare strategy as going "beyond providing care and access" to also gain "data on users."

Klobuchar, in her call for an FTC investigation into the deal, also raised concerns about privacy and personal health data.

Klobuchar said:

> "I also ask that the FTC consider the role of data, including as a potential barrier to entry, given that this proposed deal could result in the accumulation of highly sensitive personal health data in the hands of an already data-intensive company."

Commenting on the deal, NPR correspondent David Gura tweeted: "Is there anything this corporation won't know about your day-to-day life?"



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OMI issued a similar warning, highlighting Amazon's significant and still-expanding ability to surveil and collect data about its customers and influence their decision-making and purchasing decisions.

According to OMI:

> "Amazon's takeover of One Medical is the latest shot in a terrifying new stage in the business model of the world's largest corporations.
>
> "The deal will expand Amazon's ability to collect the most intimate and personal of information about individuals, in order to track, target, manipulate, and exploit people in ever more intrusive ways.
>
> "Every American should stand against this radical extension of corporate power into our lives. In addition to manipulating how we talk to one another and do business with one another, Amazon, Google, Facebook, and Apple are moving fast to manipulate our perceptions of our own health and wellbeing."

Brown said the deal "will also pose serious risks to patients whose sensitive data will be captured by a firm [Amazon] whose own Chief Information Security Officer once described access to customer data as 'a free for all.'"

Similar concerns about the amount of data consumers are giving up for the sake of convenience arose earlier this year in the U.K, where Amazon already works with the publicly run National Health Service (NHS).

As part of its various partnerships with the NHS, Amazon has the ability to use patient data for free on its Alexa platform, including the cloud-based NHS Login.

Amazon's agreement with the NHS allows Alexa to trawl the NHS database for answers to common health questions. However, testing conducted by Privacy International found that, in numerous instances, Alexa provided answers that did not come from the NHS — further indicating privatization of health services.

According to Lynne Dunbrack, group vice president for public sector for the International Data Corporation (IDC):

> "Over time, one could envision consumer devices connecting with Amazon Care: think 'Alexa, I'd like to schedule an Amazon Care appointment.' Or the Halo band could be used to support chronic condition management by sending data from patients with chronic conditions for monitoring, and alerts could be sent to Amazon Care healthcare providers to flag up when clinical intervention is required."
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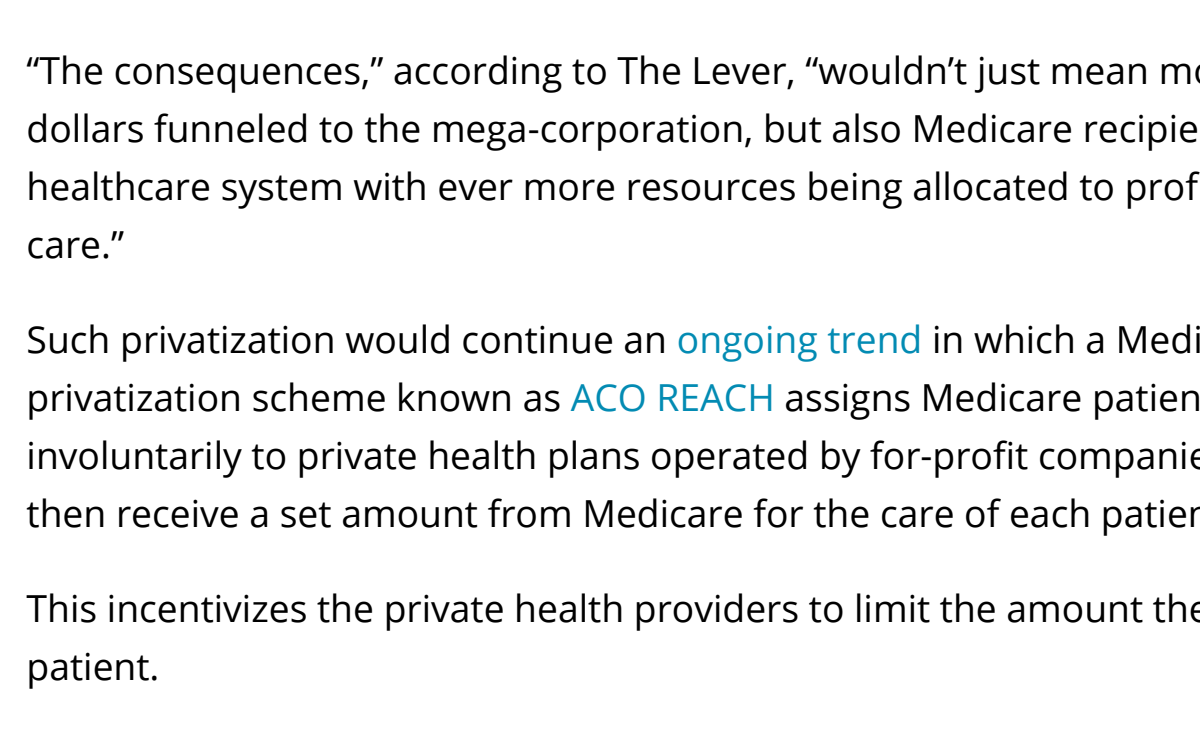
> "As they start to get more into that space, there's a lot of data that could suddenly become very important and could find its way into AWS, for instance, and it could be used to help train analytic models, or as a commercial data set that is provided to AWS clients, in an anonymized and privacy protected way, but that could be a valuable asset."

Does the deal pose a threat to Medicare?

Axios health tech reporter Erin Brodwin said One Medical "already has its tentacles in Medicare," having acquired Iora Health, which provides primary care services for Medicare patients.

With Amazon's acquisition of One Medical, Brodwin said "now Amazon's got a clear foothold there."



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Amazon just set its health care efforts to warp speed. In addition to One Medical's primary care clinic network, it now has: pharmacy (Amazon Pharmacy), fitness trackers (Halo), and even more IRL/virtual care (Amazon Care, Crossover). what's left?

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According to The Lever, Amazon's purchase of One Medicine could allow it to "use its new platform to advance the cause of Medicare at a much more aggressive pace."

"The consequences," according to The Lever, "wouldn't just mean more taxpayer dollars funneled to the mega-corporation, but also Medicare recipients facing a healthcare system with ever more resources being allocated to profit instead of care."

Such privatization would continue an ongoing trend in which a Medicare privatization scheme known as ACO REACH assigns Medicare patients involuntarily to private health plans operated by for-profit companies, which then receive a set amount from Medicare for the care of each patient.

This incentivizes the private health providers to limit the amount they spend per patient.

In fact, according to One Medical's most recent quarterly report, more than half of its revenue already comes from Medicare — and from programs such as ACO REACH and Medicare Advantage plans provided by private health insurers.

The company's most recent annual report states that a "significant portion of our revenue comes from government health care programs, principally Medicare."

"Any changes that limit or reduce the [ACO REACH model or] Medicare Advantage could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows," according to the report.

The Lever further reports that Amazon Web Services (AWS), which is the recipient of substantial government contracts that significantly contribute to Amazon's high profits, may seek to leverage its cloud computing services to obtain contracts that would essentially lead to further privatization of Medicare.

Programs such as ACO REACH and the backdoor privatization they encourage have caught the attention of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

In May, Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.), a member of the caucus, described ACO REACH as "Medicare privatization, hidden in layers of bureaucracy," which allows third parties to take for themselves as profit "whatever they don't want to spend as the patient."

Nevertheless, according to The Lever, the Biden administration continues to implement the ACO REACH program.

In the meantime, Amazon appears to also be aiming for the approximately 30 million uninsured and 40 million underinsured Americans — filling yet another "gap" in the U.S. health system.

One Medical deal part of broader Amazon healthcare strategy

As part of this Amazon-run healthcare "experience," the company appears to be looking to apply successful business models from its other products to medical services.

For instance, in an article about Amazon Care, the company's existing — and growing — healthcare service, ZDNet wrote:

> "Through services like Prime, Amazon has got consumers used to being able to expect to get things delivered in hours with just one click: it's raised our expectations of how businesses should work and now we're finding that old school business models – waiting on the phone to book a doctor's appointment, travelling to their offices, waiting for the doctor to be free – are increasingly frustrating.
>
> "That's something that Amazon Care is looking to change, offering 24/7 consultations and healthcare professionals that will come to users where they are, rather than the other way around."

As The Defender reported in April, Amazon Care was introduced in September 2019, and is characterized by the company as "a new kind of healthcare" that is "built around you, your life, and your schedule."

Amazon described Amazon Care — whose mission is "to be the Earth's most customer-centric company" — as an effort "to bring the most patient-centric health care to customers when and where they need it," and combine "the best of virtual care and in-person services … as more and more organizations look for convenient, comprehensive, high-quality health care solutions."

These services include "clinicians on your schedule" that would be available online, "care that comes to you" via "at-home follow-up" visits for "labs, tests, and treatment," "convenient testing options" for COVID and "dedicated care teams."

The company adds it is "working in lockstep with our customers to address their growing needs."

Amazon Care was originally offered just to Amazon employees but has since expanded to other large employers. Silicon Labs, TrueBlue and Whole Foods Market (owned by Amazon) have joined the lineup of companies offering Amazon Care to their employees nationwide.

In 2018, Amazon purchased online pharmacy PillPack for $750 million and merged its services with Amazon Care. Two years later it launched Amazon Pharmacy and earlier this year it expanded Amazon Care Telehealth.

The tech giant also worked on developing at-home medical diagnostics and in 2020, developed the Amazon Halo, a wearable fitness band and health-tracking device.

Earlier this month, Amazon announced it is collaborating with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center to develop "personalized" cancer vaccines for patients suffering from late-stage melanoma skin cancer and certain breast cancers that have metastasized or are unresponsive to other treatments.

As part of this collaboration, Amazon is providing "scientific and machine learning expertise."

Amazon reportedly previously was part of a secret project to develop a vaccine for the common cold.

The company also was extensively involved in public health measures related to COVID-19 via:

- A partnership with CVS Health and Thermo Fisher Scientific to promote employer-based COVID-19 testing.
- Utilization of its AWS cloud computing infrastructure to make its COVID-19 "data lake" available to the public.
- Collaboration with the Yale School of Public Health and nonprofit consortium Volunteer Surge to recruit and train 1 million healthcare workers to provide COVID-19 care.
- Linking up with 17 large health systems and Big Tech companies to form the "COVID-19 Healthcare Coalition," with the aim of coordinating pandemic response efforts via the use of data analytics.

Amazon also is venturing into primary care, utilizing its virtual digital assistant, Alexa, to provide an "at-home care model" for seniors.

According to ZDNet, Amazon Care was developed, in part, to "improve health outcomes for its staff" — but it could also be used to monitor employees.

ZDNet also quoted Arielle Trzcinski, a principal analyst for Forrester, a healthcare provider, who said monitoring devices such as the Halo, could help Amazon "track employees' health over a long period."

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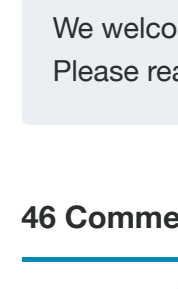

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Robbi · 3 days ago
About time 'Citizen Patriots' ASK EXACTLY WHAT IS MEANT BY 'RE-INVENTION' since it's cloaked in the 'NAZI MENTALITY' of the WEF/CCP Cabal in union with the UN's WHO. THIS IS NOT WISE and should NOT BE ACCEPTABLE NOR TOLERATED.
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Ajna Vajra · 3 days ago
Following disclosure of how much $$$ hospitals made by rendering flawed PCR "test," then more $$$ by putting you on ventilators, then yet more $$$ by giving you Remdesivir even against your will; how they kept families separated; would not give Vit C or "horse paste,: nor chlorine dioxide,....WHY would anyone want to go to ANY hospital?
They are filled with walking time bombs shedding synthetic mRNA.
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Cookiepress → Ajna Vajra · 7 hours ago
Johns Hopkins patient safety experts state that there are 250,000 deaths per year due to medical errors and is the third leading cause of death in this country. I'm willing to bet it's way more than that.
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Maureen Richmond · 3 days ago
I want nothing to do with this "re-invention" of health care touted by Amazon and its cronies. Nature is the source of healing, not technology. They've completely lost sight of that.
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Ektor57 · 3 days ago
To "reinvent health"....means sell tons of drugs online. What does Dr. Amazon know about health? About as much as Dr. gates. No thanks. Another reason to never use Amazon.
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Treebeard → Ektor57 · 3 days ago
Stopped using Amazon ages ago now. Will never buy from them again.
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Me too. 2 years ago.
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God willing, once they have all the money, the people will find and choose an alternate system of currency and they can use their wads of paper to …
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Moony77 · 3 days ago
Unfortunately, too many ppl are blinded by the "schmoozing" these greedy, fascist corporations spew, in the name of convenience and "brand loyalty!" Convenience and healthcare do not mix! Competency, professionalism, safety and ethics, none of which these fascist corporations know anything about, is what humanity needs now!
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catherine → Moony77 · 3 days ago
Well which of our governmental or corporate health care companies today are competent, professional, care about safety or ethics, or particularly human health?
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tw → catherine · 3 days ago
NONE whatsoever
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Beatrice · 3 days ago
Gee, such timing on this article as I just told someone this very morning that it was only a matter of time before Amazon took over control of our healthcare. Amazon is another arm of government like Google and FB. Every smart device you own has a covert relationship with government- either directly or through some industry like big energy, banking or telecom etc. Every single convenience sold to us as good for us or for us and our safety is another device or avenue of surveillance. They work less and less and we pay more. So, you want a virtual doctor- no doubt the doctor will be ' Prime'?

You are no longer a free person. You no longer have any free will to choose how you want to live and raise your own children.

If you owned a company and you hired someone who wasn't fulfilling their job requirements and was in fact, harming your company's success, you would have the good sense (I hope) to fire them. Yet, every year we continue to pay our federal government and elected officials with our hard earned tax dollars. Why are we paying them? To spy on us? To control us? To harm us? The next time you look at one of these reckless and obscene officials really think about how much money you paid them last year from your household, from your family, from your healthcare and from your financial security so that they could purchase another estate and live the high life. And please don't give me this crap about having skin in the game. It's a game alright. Their game and you will never benefit at all playing their game. Remember the Boston Tea Party?
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LW → Beatrice · 3 days ago
Boom. Agree 100%
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Double Up · 3 days ago
Fascism comes from the word fasci, to combine the business with the government.
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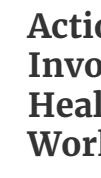
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so that only a few will exist and do the bidding of governments?

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B. Nakelski · 3 days ago

If you think the government ruined your privacy and interaction with your Doctor, imagine what your 're-imagined' doctor visit will look like. I can only think of what Amazon sees in its future with healthcare considering all the shot up people that will be contracting all kinds of vax induced illnesses. They will see nothing but giant dollar signs NOT PEOPLE who need help.

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Treebeard · 3 days ago

Greed, pure and simple. These billionaires, as pointed out, have no interest in healthcare, they just look at it as another means of making a profit. It's similar in some ways to Gates buying farmland. He's not a farmer, he doesn't know anything about farming or the soil or growing plants or tending animals. For that matter, he's not a pharmaceutical or public health expert either. He's a software salesman. Amazon's Jeff Bezos is just a weird shopkeeper/store owner. Most of the billionaires have a lack of empathy - Zuckerberg, Bezos, Gates, Musk etc - they're not normal people, they don't actually care about or understand human beings. No, Amazon must not be allowed anywhere near healthcare.

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Julie · 3 days ago

"Let food be thy medicine..." Looks after your health folks, Stop listening, buying, using, following, going along with big pharma, big business, big banks, big media etc. Thank you for this article!

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Rachel Wild · 3 days ago

All power to you. Sending much love. x x x

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chrijo · 3 days ago

Good news is, Azon will NEVER be providing any 'healthcare' to me. They can take a flying leap.

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kris · 3 days ago

these tech companies own everything - they are way too bloated - time to break them up - they shouldn't be allowed to buy up everything on the planet

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ME MCC · 3 days ago

Funny that this article comes out today when just YESTERDAY I got a call from a national poling company asking if we had an opportunity to sell our local healthcare system would I go along with it? My question was who was buying it? They had no answers. I told them NO.

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jj.flash · 3 days ago

if Bernie Sanders is against it and Amy Klobuchar..... I KNOW Medicare is a government funded health program. Government. Our failing government. Since when does the government have my best interests regarding healthcare? Surely not since COVID!

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Bonnie Gillmore · 3 days ago

So we have a computer geek with zero medical background dictating public health policy and now a mega clearinghouse for every type product imaginable getting into the healthcare business.
I would have to guess they see how well big pharma and the healthcare industry has fared in the past (and continues to do so) they had to jump in to get a slice of the tempting pie.
Somehow this just doesn't seem right at all.

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Lookingatallangles · 3 days ago

This is too threatening to anyone who seeks medical care. Sure glad I don't have an alexa!!

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catherine · 3 days ago

Amazon will be the one world government's corporation, the only acceptable company to buy or sell something. It will be the issuer of all health care and payments making all of the rules. It will only sell Bill Gates and others fake foods and all of his future vaccines. In other words, it will be the only corporation in the world. And Bill Gates probably believes he will be the one world government ruler (dictator). He is working hard towards that goal.

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Leslie Taylor · 3 days ago

"Amazon announced it is collaborating with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center to develop "personalized" cancer vaccines for patients." Get your monthly shot that few know what is actually in them. "Collaboration with the Yale School of Public Health and nonprofit consortium Volunteer Surge to recruit and train 1 million healthcare workers to provide COVID-19 care. Linking up with 17 large health systems and Big Tech companies to form the "COVID-19 Healthcare Coalition," with the aim of coordinating pandemic response efforts via the use of data analytics." But rather, with the aim of spying and data collecting and manipulation of the human physical, emotional and intellectual function, thus human behavior, until those qualities are stripped from the human being entirely, the few surviving that is. The developers and implementers of these wireless AI technologies are as soulless as their machines and are endeavoring to take over, control, all of human function. I just watched a fellow walk in front of 2 utility trucks while staring at his cell phone. I did not see any indication that he even knew they were there, he just kept staring at his phone as he mindlessly plodded along.

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LW · 3 days ago

Bezos is seizing on the tsunami of vax injuries that's currently swelling and headed our way.

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Ricky Ricardo · 3 days ago

A few years ago; after watching this society transform - incrementally, because that's how the oligarchs do it (don't want to make it too obvious), I theorized that once the New World Order (now, the Great Reset) was rolled out, there would be one global corporation controlling everything on the planet. It looks to me as if that's exactly where we're headed! Obviously...anything goes, these days - as long as you've got the $$$ to make it happen! I think that I'll just sit back and watch the show, while the WEF, WHO and UN take over the planet! I'm quite sure that the likes of Google and Amazon are already "partners".

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Saywhat · 3 days ago

They are all becoming pcs of s... with all the money, but yet they want all people below them to be the burden carriers of their so called "for the better good" while they fly around, sail and drive them big vehicles, spread their toxins in the air and foods. They are here to help about as much as the government is here to help. They are to worried with protecting their ass ets and actually do nothing to help with the planet and all the crisis they create for their "better good'. A lot of people are just to ignorant and follow the crap You have terrorist run UN, you have Gates who's not a doctor, you have Bezo that has contracts with the CIA/FBI and now he wants to get into healthcare. All these peoples money needs to be confiscated for the better good of humanity. They do nothing to help no one but themselves. $600 million contract with the CIA to create and maintain a cloud service, Jeff Bezos And The CIA Invest In D-Wave's Quantum Computer.

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tw · 3 days ago

Keep your nose out of it ..I for one will be actively avoiding anything outside your standard charter.. in fact it may make me balk at any purchaser from your site

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Dee · 3 days ago

Don't need Big Tech to get ahold of the so-called "healthcare" industry, although healthcare is a misnomer, since it is Sickcare and not good sick care, just drug dispensation. And whatever long-term drug you are on will need another one to deal with the side effects. They will want to get rid of supplements, too, which help us avoid the Sickcare industry. Med beds, please come quickly! The medical care system in our country is so broken it's not funny, I have to be half dead to get myself to go to doctors, the whole process is dehumanizing and usually ineffective anyway, as they overbook and overprescribe. Dr's are puppets for Big Pharma, just a different form of slavery with higher pay.

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LW · 3 days ago

With the WEF and UN global public-private partnerships well underway, how long before its mandated to use only One Med (Bezos) for all health related transactions? And it's also tele-med, which works from lockdown status. Bezos is always 10 steps ahead.

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Aero PA · 3 days ago

If covered by One Medical, find another provider. You know d/w what end game is going to be.

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> **catherine** → Aero PA · 3 days ago
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> Except when it is the only provider, you won't have any choices.
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Louke · a day ago

What's the point of antitrust regulation if it's never going to be used? Oh, I know, the real purpose of mergers is to create monopolies (the opposite of actual capitalism, by the way), controlled by a few big companies with the blessings of governments and their bosses in entities like the WEF. You will own nothing... but they will own everything. That's the intent, anyway.

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Geminim · a day ago

One thing that often gets overlooked is that as long as even universal health care systems like the NHS are beholden to private companies and Big Pharma, health care is de facto privatized, as part of an iron triangle (fascism) in which government is involved where it suits it. The countries that had the harshest Covidian measures and universal Covid "passports" all had universal health care, because the system was already centralized and the government and their private contractors already had access to health records.

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Truthie · 2 days ago

Funny, I never thought of health care as an "experience," like going to a roller coaster or to the movies or a football game or something... nor do I plan to at any point soon. Enough with this corporate psycho-babble.

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E_via · 2 days ago

Translated, this basically means the See-Eye-Eh, for which Boozos is a front, wants people's health records too...

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Marebobowl · 3 days ago

Is it possible for healthcare in the USA to become worse than it already is? A very broken system, with unsustainable spending. In many ways, I feel sorry for the Americans who believe they will never die, but instead live forever. Given this hope by their very own medical doctors who refuse to stop treating untreatable illnesses. Dr. Atul Gawande wrote a wonderful book called Being Mortal. It should be mandatory reading for every American. Life has a beginning, a middle and an end.

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Citizen X · 2 days ago · edited

Why even bring it to our attention, Law makers do not listen to the people and haven't for a long time. Most of them are for the great reset and think their asses will be spared after all is said and done but boy are they in for a rude awakening.
We can pretend voting will save America but that's just blowing sunshine up our asses temporarily. .
When the republican take both houses in the mid terms the first thing they will do is come after our Social Security which they been salivating over for decades This time they have a chance to get it with democratic support. They get Social Security then we are screwed because then the digital money will be forced upon us whether we want it or not. I hoped to hell some others are looking into this and **AS I'VE SAID A MILLION TIMES IF WE DO NOT GET ON THE OFFENCE ANY DAMN WAY POSSIBLE TO KNOCK THESE CONTROL FREAKS OFF THEIR GAME PLAN THEN IT IS GAME OVER FOR US.** OUR GOVERNMENT HAS WAGED WAR UPON US THE CITIZENS TRYING TO KILL US IN MANY WAYOR ENSLAVE US WITH THE GREAT RESET.

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Kitty Ca'at · 2 days ago

Be afraid. Be very afraid of the company aiming to become the Buy n Large nightmare.

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Paul Vonharnish · 2 days ago

"Amazon and One Medical said the deal reflects their shared objective to "reinvent" healthcare."

I agree. I think healthcare needs to be reinvented. Revoke all Corporate **Charters - worldwide,** and healthcare will cease to be organized via monopoly and extortion. Anyone unable to discern the monopolistic and fascist policies which dictate **ALL** corporate objectives, need not apply...

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Arlington tax cutter · 3 days ago

Amazon's acquisition is a mix of good and bad. The only bad part is the degree to which it colludes with government, e.g., pushing COVID vaccines. If they were completely free of government influence, it would like be a good thing and bring much needed efficiency, cost savings, and convenience that grossly lacking in today's health care services. If they use their lobbying power to do things like removing restrictions on telemedicine, ending games played by Big Pharma to extend patents, and relaxing or completely repealing state licensing laws, those would be good things that will benefit customers. It is important, however, that consumers of their health services avoid signing onto terms that give away their health data.

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> **catherine** → Arlington tax cutter · 3 days ago
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> Oh boy, you are brainwashed if you think Amazon would be good for American's health care.
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> **chrijo** → Arlington tax cutter · 3 days ago
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> Give away their health data??? Bit late for that buddy. Do you understand what Amazon is? And how it got so big? Er...oh yes, by selling data to the govt. No there is no mix. Amazon is pure, demonic evil.
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